Broadway Avenue Bridge Replacement

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is replacing the existing bridge over the Boise River on Broadway Avenue. The current bridge is over 50 years old and needs to be rebuilt.

Broadway Avenue is a gateway into Boise from I-84 and is one of Idaho's busiest highways (U.S. 20/26). The bridge over the Boise River is surrounded by a vibrant community, including Boise State University on the south and St. Luke's Regional Medical Center on the north.

Why replace the bridge?

The bridge is too narrow for the high volume of cars, pedestrians and bicyclists that travel over the structure, particularly during local community and BSU events. Design and safety standards for bridges have become much more stringent since the current bridge was built in 1956. The bridge is showing signs of wear that could become serious issues in future years.

The project includes:

- Removing and rebuilding the Broadway Bridge
- Widening and repaving Broadway Avenue between University Drive and Myrtle Street
- Repaving Broadway Avenue between Myrtle Street and Front Street
- Improving the Greenbelt pathway near the bridge
- Improving traffic flow and pedestrian/bicycle safety on Broadway between University Drive and Front Street

The cost to design and construct the improvements will be about $16 million.

Community

ITD will work with the local community – businesses, drivers and Greenbelt users – to design the project.

Safety

On average, 24,500 cars travel across the bridge daily. The number of vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists significantly increases during BSU football games and events. Safety is ITD's highest priority during construction.

Environment

The project includes a full environmental evaluation. ITD will work to minimize impacts to the Boise River, parks, and historical and archaeological sites.

ANTICIPATED PROJECT SCHEDULE	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Begin stakeholder and public outreach	Fall	Fall			
Prepare preliminary design	Fall		Fall		
Gather stakeholder and public input during preliminary design	Fall		Fall		
Conduct environmental evaluation	Fall		Fall		
Continue to involve the public in design		Winter		Summer	
Complete final design			Winter	Summer	
Obtain environmental clearance				Summer	
Acquire land				Summer/Fall	
Begin construction and public outreach regarding traffic impacts				Anticipated Winter	
Construction complete					Anticipated Fall

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